

Springdale Fire Department

Policy & Procedures Manual

Volume 2 – Operations

Section 203 – Fire Operations

203.18 Technical Rescue

This policy recognizes the special characteristics of required training and experience in mitigating certain types of rescue scenes that are highly technical in nature. Such emergencies are:

- Confined Space Rescue
- Trench/Building Collapse Rescue
- Water Emergency Rescue
- High/Low Angle Rope Rescue

All personnel shall be responsible for recognizing the existence of such technical rescues and shall only function within their own level of training. All personnel shall familiarize themselves with Rescue 2, its equipment, and the utilization of such equipment. The following are the defined levels of training for Technical Rescues:

- Awareness
- Operations
- Technician
- Specialist

In order to function within this framework, personnel must meet the requirements developed and updated by the Fire Department Training Officer. A Technical Rescue Handbook shall also be kept in each command vehicle to assist the incident commander in the proper procedures for each type of technical rescue. Included in the Technical Rescue Handbook shall be a current roster of all Fire Department personnel showing their levels of training. All officers shall recognize the need for additional equipment/personnel on the scene of a Technical Rescue (such as Rescue 2) and request dispatch to add such equipment/personnel to the response.